

LOCAL PLANTS  
COMPLY WITH  
FEDERAL EDICTORDER OF FUEL ADMINIS-  
TRATOR TO SUSPEND  
OPERATIONS OBEYED.

## UKASE UNEXPECTED

Proclamation Came to Country  
Like a Bolt From a Clear  
Sky.

While managers of local factories were astounded by the edict of Fuel Administrator Garfield ordering industrial plants throughout the country to shut down for a period of five days, the order has been complied with and not a single concern in Columbus that comes within the provisions of the order is now in operation.

The largest industrial enterprise in the city is the Columbus Lumber Company, and while the concern does not consume coal, waste lumber being used as fuel, the mill comes under the provisions of the order, and Mr. D. F. McCullough, the manager states that it will be obeyed to the letter.

There are numerous smaller lumber mills not only in Columbus but in the contiguous territory in East Mississippi and West Alabama, and while most of them use refuse lumber for fuel, they too, have complied with Dr. Garfield's order and are closed down. According to information received here, the manager of a mill in Pickens county, Ala., who is sawing lumber on an order from the federal government, on Thursday received a telegram requesting him to speed up the work and early Friday morning received another telegram from Fuel Director Garfield ordering him to close down his mill. He was a little confused at first; but after reading the order carefully decided to comply with its provisions and forthwith closed his mill.

The fuel situation in Columbus is still acute. The local supply became completely exhausted Wednesday, and while a dealer received a single car the following day it was quickly exhausted and during the past few days it has been almost impossible to obtain fuel. Many people have been endeavoring to secure wood, but the weather has been so bad that much difficulty has been experienced in inducing the country people to haul it to town.

## First Methodist Church.

On account of the coal shortage there will be no evening service at the First Methodist Church today, but the pastor, Rev. S. L. Pope, will preach this morning at 11 o'clock in the Baraca room, which will be comfortable and which will easily seat two hundred or more people. Sunday school will be held at 9:45 o'clock.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a meeting in the pastor's study of the Every Member Campaign committee, and all are urged to be present. Last Sunday a meeting of this committee was held and was largely attended. Much interest is being shown in the campaign which will take place next Sunday afternoon.

## Making Good.

Mr. J. Earle Waters, a Columbus boy, who is with the 126th Aero Squadron, at San Antonio, Texas, has been highly honored by being named chief electrical signal officer of his squadron.

Mrs. T. A. Stinson, who resides on South Sixth street, and who owns a large place several miles south of Columbus, has very generously offered to donate to the local United Charities a large amount of wood in order to help relieve the present fuel situation.

Rev. T. L. Holcomb, pastor of the First Baptist church leaves tomorrow for Poplarville, where he goes to attend the South Mississippi Bible Conference. He is on the program to speak each day during the meeting.

The finance committee of the Every Member Campaign of the First Baptist church will meet this afternoon. Regular preaching services will be held at this church today.

## A PROCLAMATION

As the Federal Fuel Administrator has ruled that no coal be burned in business houses on Monday, January 21st and as it will work a hardship on our merchants if some close and some stay open, at the request of the local Fuel Committee, I therefore proclaim and declare Monday, the 21st to be a Holiday in Columbus, and request that all business houses remain closed for that day.

D. S. McCLANAHAN,  
Mayor.

Columbus, Miss., Jan. 19, 1918.

"GARFIELD KNOWS;  
PEOPLE DO NOT"GRAVITY OF THE FUEL SITUATION SHOULD BE REALIZED  
MORE BY THE CITIZENS.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 19.—"The people of the United States do not know all that Dr. Garfield knows about the gravity of the fuel situation," said W. E. Meyer, state fuel administrator, in commenting on the criticisms that have been aimed at the fuel order. "Dr. Garfield cannot afford to take the nation fully into his confidence in the matter, for that would give information that would be of value to our enemies. Every patriot must back up the administration in its efforts, even though some time it may appear to some that mistakes are made. We should never lose sight of the fact that the authorities at Washington know more about conditions growing out of the war than we do, and we must not forget that those at the head of the government are doing their level best to serve the interests of the whole nation in the best way possible."

"I firmly believe that if everybody knew all the facts in Dr. Garfield's possession, there would not be another syllable of complaint raised against the fuel order. One of the great troubles is that many people have not yet come to a full realization of the seriousness of the situation faced by this country since we entered war."

## Equipment for Playgrounds.

At the regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association of Franklin Academy Thursday the need of playground equipment was discussed. It was decided that the Association would try to place some equipment on the playgrounds. It is desirable that the students develop their bodies along with their minds. One large element of success is that we should be physically fit and able to put 100 per cent of ourselves into our work. That we should be good animals.

Students on account of the vitiated air in the school rooms are more subject to constitutional disease, such as tuberculosis and pneumonia, than the outdoor worker and they need exercise in the open air in order to combat the tendencies and dangers of these diseases. Education or wealth without health is of little value.

PROHIBIT SHIPMENTS  
TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

Washington, Jan. 19.—All shipments from Ohio east in box cars except live stock have been prohibited by all railroads. This announcement was made today at the offices of the state utilities commission.

These embargoes are to continue indefinitely, officials said and are part of the general plan for clearing up congestion in the east.

## Opposition Disappearing.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Serious opposition to Dr. Garfield's "factory shut down order" had disappeared today. The country as bowing to the inevitable. Incidentally the very material modifications that were made in the original order, coupled with the assertion of President Wilson that it was necessary that the drastic action be taken, had resulted in the country accepting the situation with the best grace possible.

Citizens over the country having teams and wagons not in use can make money and work for a worthy cause by hauling wood to the city to be used for fuel purposes.

Read Shapira's advertisement on third page of this issue.

MRS. McGEHEE  
TO SPEAK HERE  
ON JANUARY 28IS STATE HEAD OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF  
DEFENSE COUNCIL.

## WILL PLAN WORK

During Mrs. McGehee's Visit  
Arrangements for Training  
Will Be Made.

It is officially announced that Mrs. Edward McGehee, of Como, president of the Mississippi Division of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Defense Council, will deliver an address at the Industrial Institute and College in this city Monday, January 28, and her coming is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest not only by students and members of the faculty of the institution but by the people of Columbus generally.

The Industrial Institute and College, which is the headquarters for the work of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Defense Council in Mississippi, has during the past year introduced new branches and rearranged several of its regular courses to meet the demands made by the women of the state for training in war work. As the college is also the headquarters for the registration of women who are trained in work of this character as well as those who desire training it is easy to determine the needs of the different registrants and to shape the curriculum so as to meet their demands.

During Mrs. McGehee's visit plans will be made to have the work of the college meet the requirements of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Defense Council more fully than ever before.

## National War Savings Committee.

Sunday, February 3, has been designated "Thrift Sunday" and it is expected that every church in Louisiana and Mississippi will observe the day with a special programme including a sermon embodying the idea of the War Savings Stamp.

Following up "Thrift Sunday" will be "Thrift Day," Feb. 4, when the work done in the churches the day before will bear fruit.

Many churches in Louisiana and Mississippi have arranged special programmes in which children play a prominent part. Uncle Sam is relying to a large extent on the assistance of boys and girls in the Thrift campaign and already they have turned many millions into the treasurer at Washington.

## Mrs. Carswell Dies.

After an illness of several days with pneumonia, Mrs. O. C. Carswell died at her home on Bell avenue yesterday morning at 5:15 o'clock. The funeral will be held this morning at the family residence at 10 o'clock conducted by Rev. J. A. Lee, pastor of the Second Baptist church, and interment will take place at Tabernacle cemetery.

Mrs. Carswell was only twenty-one years of age, and was loved and admired by all who knew her.

Judge T. M. Cummings has received a letter from his son, Mr. Louis Cummings, who is now with the 24th Machine Gun Battalion at Camp Fremont, Cal., stating that he has been appointed assistant bookkeeper in the commissary department of his command. Mr. Cummings is an expert accountant, having graduated from a business college in Birmingham.

The firm of Simon Loeb and Bro., offers as a prize a fine pair of shoes to the local postal clerk selling the largest number of Thrift Stamps within a short time.

Mr. J. P. Woodward leaves today for Baltimore and New York, where he goes to spend several days on business.

Dr. F. M. Vaughan and Mr. Craddock Boyd, of the Dunbar neighborhood, were in the city yesterday on business.

Prof. and Mrs. A. N. Jacob have named their son Norman Maurice.

Mr. Will Knox, of New Jersey, is in the city on business.

ITEMS OF INTEREST  
OVER THE COUNTRYGIST OF THE NEWS GATHERED  
HERE AND THERE AND PRE-  
SENTED IN BRIEF FORM.

Washington.—An infantry unit of the junior division, reserve officers training corps, has been established at Porter Military Academy, Charleston, S. C., the War Department announces.

New York.—Opening of the Hell Gate Bridge route for freight service beginning Thursday was announced here Wednesday night as a war measure to speed up freight movement. This route has been in operation for passenger traffic only since March.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Four bandits, without masks, held up the Continental State Bank, in the business district, locked five employees in the vault and escaped in an automobile with \$3,400 and a \$500 pin taken from E. K. Stratky, president of the institution.

Washington.—The Interstate Commerce Commission Wednesday suspended proposed increases of 15 per cent in petroleum rates in the Middle West, which were to have gone into effect January 18, until July 18, to permit further investigation.

London.—Of all the British vessels damaged by enemy action between January and October, 1917, it has been found impossible to salvage four only.

Boston.—The possible purchase of the Boston & Maine Railroad as a means of protecting the interests of the commonwealth, was suggested in the annual report of Attorney General Henry T. Atwell, made to the Legislature Wednesday. The report is in the hands of a temporary committee.

Washington.—Providing adequate housing facilities for the thousands of new workers pouring into the industrial and ship building centers will be the first task undertaken by Secretary Wilson, as Labor Administrator, and his advisory council.

Madrid.—Further disorders have occurred at Malaga as the result of the closing of the workshops. Two women were killed and many others were injured in fighting while the police were restoring order.

New York.—Walter J. Barron whose inventions resulted in the perfection of the typewriter, died of Paralysis at his home in Brooklyn Wednesday at the age of 71 years.

Miss Frances P. Hooper, head of the biological department at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, has recently returned from New Orleans, where she had instructions at the Gulf Coast Division of the American Red Cross Society in the making of bandages and surgical dressings. Not only the students but a large number of the teachers are now practically devoting all their spare time to work of this character.

About four thousand gauze compresses made by students and teachers have passed inspection by officials of the Red Cross Society, and in addition to these a number of dressings have been made for the battleship Mississippi.

While it has been customary in Columbus for many years to celebrate the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee, the custom was abrogated Saturday. The natal day of the great southern chieftain has in the past been honored by the Stephen D. Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, who always gave a dinner to local veterans; but this year the weather was so cold and the ladies were so busy with war work of various character that it was decided not to give the customary dinner.

## Pay Your Taxes.

Every citizen of the city and county is urged to pay his taxes at once as only a short time remains.

Mr. W. K. Knox, president of the Lucas E. Moore Stave Company, and Mr. W. H. Boyce, an accountant, both of New Orleans, were in the city Friday and Saturday looking after the interests of the company.

Mrs. J. A. Lee, wife of the pastor of the Second Baptist church of this city, was called to Courtland, yesterday, on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. A. A. Burnett, aged 84, one of the oldest citizens of Burnett county.

Mr. Woodfin Gardner, of Memphis, is attending to business matters in the city.

MAYOR SETS  
MONDAY ASIDE  
AS A HOLIDAYISSUES AN OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION TO THAT  
EFFECT.

## STORES TO CLOSE

Committee Arranges to Secure  
Wood in Effort to Relieve  
Situation.

A citizens' meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday for purpose of discussing the fuel situation and to make plans for the local observance of the order recently issued by Fuel Administrator Garfield providing for a partial suspension of business on every Monday for the succeeding ten weeks. It was decided to observe the order to the letter, and in order that this may be effectually done Mayor McClanahan has declared Monday a legal holiday in Columbus.

Drug stores do not come under the provisions of Dr. Garfield's order, but in order to give moral weight and patriotic effect to the movement the proprietors of these establishments have decided to observe holiday hours, and for the same reason the white way lights and electric signs in front of stores will be darkened on Sunday and Thursday nights of each week.

The Columbus Railway, Light and Power Company, which furnishes current for both the white way and electric signs, does not consume coal, wood being being used as fuel at the power plant; but it is believed that the darkening of the lights will impress upon the people the seriousness of the situation, thus serving as a stimulus to the general movement for the conservation of fuel of every character.

The fuel situation here is still acute, and in order to bring at least partial relief it has been decided to establish a municipal wood yard. A committee consisting of Mr. W. N. Puckett, chairman, Mr. L. A. Vaughan and Mr. Parker Reeves were named to look after this undertaking, and public spirited citizens subscribed \$65 for use in getting the enterprise started. This committee has arranged with the Lucas E. Moore Stave Company to purchase all wood brought to the plant of the concern in East Columbus. The company will pay \$3.50 per cord for oak and \$3 per cord for pine. The wood will be sawed into convenient lengths and will be sold to consumers at reasonable rates.

There is practically no domestic coal for sale in Columbus. One firm has a small supply of steam coal which it is selling at \$4 per ton, consumers paying the cost of deliveries. The local fuel commission has power to commandeer coal for the use of domestic consumers, and will exercise this right on the first car that shows up, but there is no means of telling when this will be, as no information regarding shipments can be secured from the mine owners.

A part of Section 4 of the order of the Federal Fuel Commission, says: "(B). Wholesale or retail stores, or any other stores, business houses or business buildings whatever, except that for the purpose of selling necessary heat on any of the specified days until 12 o'clock noon, and except that for the purpose of selling drugs and medicinal supplies only, stores may maintain necessary heat throughout the day and evening."

## Delegates to Episcopal Council.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Church last Sunday, the following delegates and alternates were chosen to represent this parish at the annual council which meets in Jackson on Tuesday, the 22d inst.:  
Delegates: C. L. Moore, H. F. Simrall, R. E. Johnston.  
Alternates: W. H. Brooks, E. R. Hopkins, Ira L. Gaston.

## Two Cabins Burned.

Two negro cabins in northeast Columbus were destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon.

Another alarm was turned in Friday morning from a house on Eighth street and Ninth avenue, south, owned by Mrs. T. A. Stinson. The blaze, which was caused by sparks from a chimney, was quickly extinguished.

## WEEK'S FORECAST.

The weather bureau at Washington yesterday issued the following forecast for the week beginning Sunday, January 20:  
For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Snow or rain over northern and rain over southern districts Sunday, except fair in the east gulf states. Rain or snow again about middle of the week followed by mild weather thereafter. Somewhat warmer Sunday South Atlantic states and colder Sunday night generally. Temperatures below normal will prevail, generally during the week.

SCHOOLS WILL BE  
CLOSED MONDAYON ACCOUNT OF FUEL SHORT-  
AGE OTHER PLACES WILL  
BE CLOSED DURING DAY.

On account of the local fuel situation the public schools of the city will be closed throughout Monday only.

There will be no pictures at the Princes Theatre tomorrow on account of the fuel order recently issued.

Although tomorrow has been declared a legal holiday by Mayor McClanahan, the four banks of the city will probably remain open during the day.

Mr. T. J. Locke, Jr., a prominent local wholesale grocer, on yesterday received the following telegram from Fuel Administrator Garfield: "Have no authority to close wholesale and retail grocers if they comply with orders of January 17."

Administrator Garfield issued an order Saturday exempting all laundries on all of the 14 days from the provisions of the order issued Thursday.

ENCOUNTERED FOUR U-BOATS  
ON WAY OVER HERE

A British Port, Jan. 19.—An American liner has just reached this port after encountering four German submarines, one of which is believed to have been damaged by fire from the ship's guns.

The first submarine was sighted on a foggy night and the two craft were so close together that they nearly collided.

The U-boat quickly submerged and the vessel put on more speed. She was apparently followed, however, for later on two more submarines were sighted, one on each side of the steamer.

The ship's guns opened a hot fire and the gunners believe that one of the submarines was struck.

The ship again escaped, but several hours later another submarine was sighted. Again the gunners opened fire, but whether or not the U-boat was hit is unknown.

In the meantime a wireless call was sent out and destroyers came up at top speed. Search was made for the submarine while the liner continued on her way to port.

It was stated that great excitement prevailed upon the steamship while she was being threatened, but that there was no panic.

## Questionnaires Returned.

Thursday was the last day on which registrars were given to return questionnaires to the local exemption board, and all who have failed to file same are warned to do so at once because they stand liable to be reported to the adjutant general.

The work of classifying the questionnaires is slow and tedious, but Mr. J. R. Randle and the other members of the board expect to be able to begin mailing out classification cards about the middle of the week.

## Kincaannon in City.

Hon. A. A. Kincaannon, of Memphis, former president of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, is spending a few days here. Dr. Kincaannon is now superintendent of the city schools of Memphis, which are closed for a short time on account of the fuel situation.

## Dies in France.

Edward Moore, thought to be a negro, and who gave his address as Tibbee Station, Miss., died the past week from pneumonia in the trenches in France.

Mr. Dan Bush spent Thursday with relatives in the Andrews' Chapel neighborhood.

PIAVE FRONT  
IS BROKEN BY  
HARD PRESSUREITALIANS FRUSTRATE AT-  
TEMPT OF TEUTONS TO  
TAKE VENICE.

## TWO-HOUR FIGHT

Bitter Attack on Part of Enemy  
Forces is Finally Repulsed  
By Them.

Rome, Jan. 19.—Italian troops have succeeded in breaking the pressure which the enemy has been exerting on the Lower Piave in the sector nearest Venice. This is a triangle sector originally cleared of the enemy when the whole region was inundated by opening the canals. But recently low water has permitted the enemy to renew his incursions almost to Capo Sile and the Venetian lagoons.

Enemy patrols had established dugouts and posts in the lagoons at Agenzia Zuliana, just across the river from Capo Sile, which commands the canal running to Porto Grande and the region back of Venice. During the early days of the week the Italian navy had bombarded the dugouts and destroyed the bridge on which the enemy was attempting to cross the Agenzia Trezza. The enemy made repeated attempts to enlarge his position, but was uniformly repulsed.

Stung by the repeated checks, the enemy brought his full force to bear Thursday morning. They were met by chosen Italian troops from the regular and Bersagliere brigades.

The Bersagliere hewed their way to the enemy's support line. The fight was stubborn for the first two hours, but the enemy gradually gave ground and was finally pushed back from the position he had gained.

## The following communication

was issued by the war office Friday: "Along the whole of the front there have been brief artillery actions and limited patrol activity. Our artillery made concentrations of fire on the reverse of Col Saprice and Col Della Beretta. The enemy's fire, which was more lively against the southeastern slopes of Montello, was answered by British batteries which shelled moving troops between Mina and Canarogio."

"On the southern slopes of Sasso Rosso and on the northern slopes of Monte Solomolo enemy patrols were driven back with hand grenades. "During the actions of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Asolo area and east of Capo Sile a total of 13 officers and 478 men and 18 machine guns and two bomb throwers were captured."

## Mr. Armstrong Announces.

Mr. Frank Armstrong is announced elsewhere in this paper as a candidate for "financery clerk." Mr. Armstrong is the son of Hon. J. T. Armstrong, who for many years was prominent in local politics and who is generally recognized as one of the most efficient men who ever served the county as a public official, his record both as circuit clerk and sheriff being above criticism.

The present aspirant for office is himself well and favorably known throughout the county, and both he and his father have numerous friends who will doubtless be glad to give him their support in the impending race.

## Joins Aviation Corps.

Mr. Blair Harrison, a Columbus boy and brother of Mrs. John MacLachlan, of this city, has passed the physical examination to become an U. S. aviator. He expects to visit here before going into service.

Mr. Will Harrison, also a brother of Mrs. MacLachlan and a member of the Royal Flying Corps at Fort Worth, Texas, who was hurt some time ago in an accident, will soon receive his commission.

## Bishop Bratton Coming.

Bishop T. D. Bratton expects to be in Columbus on Sunday, Feb. 3, for the purpose of instituting Rev. E. L. Malone into the rectorship of Paul's church, whose pastorate of the church begins on February 1st. These services will be interesting and impressive, and our people will join with Bishop Bratton in extending to Mr. Malone a most hearty welcome to this diocese.